

## [Harry Haythorn]

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FORM [A?] Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Bessie [Jollenston?] ADDRESS Ogallala Nebr.

DATE Nov. 25, 1938 SUBJECT Harry [Haythorn?] Sr. HARRY HAYTHORN

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. [Enis Reader?]. Was his wife, but is remarried.
2. Date and time of interview Nov. 7, 1938 2 o'clock
3. Place of Interview In her sun room just east of the Post Office building faces south on 3rd St.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant [Clever?] Ogal and I have known her many years.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you No one
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Had a lounge on north side with bright curtians and several windows.

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER Bessie [Jollenston?] ADDRESS [Ogallala?], Nebr.

DATE Nov. 25, 1938 SUBJECT Harry [Haythorn?] Sr.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Enis Reader, his wife

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1. Ancestry English descent
2. Place and date of birth
3. Family Two sons, Walter and Harry and 3 grandchildren
4. Place lived in, with dates
5. [Education?], with dates Mostly in Keith [County?]
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates House keeper for her family
7. Special skills and interests Horseback riding, fishing, embroidering, painting pictures and decorating the home and accessories.
8. Community and religious activities Dinners, [card?] parties
9. Description of informant Short, and quite heavy set, auburn hair
10. Other points gained in interview Reads a great deal and goes to California for the winter most every years year. Has a fine home and car.

### FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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DATE Nov. 25, 1938 SUBJECT Harry Haythorn Sr.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Enis Reader, Ogallala, Nebraska

Harry Haythorn Sr. was born at [Quarimore?], [Littlefield?] Lane, [Lancoster?], England in 1861.

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[The?] wealthy cattle men at this time were getting organized to transport cattle from along the Rio Grands to the Indian agencies of the north west, and also for the standing armies of that locality. The resulting trail, known as the Old Texas Trail, terminated at Ogallala, Nebraska.

The men who followed this profession had to be fearless and had to have endless endurance and strength linked with [honesty?]. Harry, being of English tenacity, would not be a quitter no matter how tough the job. The Old Sheidler cattle company was composed of W. A. Paxton and James Ware. During the construction of the U. P. railroad they both had been contractors. [With?] their telegraph system they knew the country. They esstablished established ranches at Keystone and other points, and Haythorn was among the men they entrusted at Ogallala, with shipments to the Rose Bud and Fine Ridge agencies. As business grow better in the lively little cow town of Ogallala, Harry decided to go into business for himself. For a number of years Mr. Haythorn ran a [livery?] and feed business. He was married to [Emma?] Augusta [Gilpin?], in 1891.

Perry [Bast?] [emplyed?] Mr. Haythorn to take charge of his entire extensive ranch, which was a great credit to his early training and ability. For many years the Haythorns would spend their summers in Farm Valley and winters at Alkali Lake.

Mr. Haythorn sensing the narrowing down of opportunities, decided if he were to do business for himself, he should take advantage of the situations as they presented themselves.

Mr. Haythorn purchased both Big and Little Keys valleys, and also homesteaded four miles north of Big Keyes, not far from Arthur, Nebraska, and now began ranching for himself. Forty miles away, Ogallala was the nearest trading point.

Mrs. Haythorn often rode in to Ogallala for provisions, horseback riding being one of her fearless hobbies. She took a pack pony and made one of these round trips in a day.

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Finally Mr. Haythorn purchased the James McGinley ranch, on north river. He added to it until it is known as one of the formost cattle ranches of the west. Mr. Haythorn's sons and grandsons may never know the hardships their parents and grandparents endured, but they will continue to carry on and be a credit to the name "Haythorn."

Harry, Sr. did a great deal toward improving this great country. He was also a great lover of outdoors.

He passed away at the age of 62 years at Hot Springs, New Mexico. Walter and Harry, his two sons are still carrying on the splendid ranches their parents started.

With the completion of the Kingsley Dam and the formation of its lake, many miles of Union Pacific railroad will have to be relocated north of its present bed in the North Platte River valley. Three stations of the branch will be submerged and necessarily [new?] stations on the new route will [be?] located. With credit to a true pioneer, rancher and his family a [new?] station, "Haythorn" will be made.